



***Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment
Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
1205 Denali Way
Fairbanks AK 99701***

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Dear Friends,

The Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment Fund (FIT) is pleased to announce this year's grant application program. Enclosed are 2024 applications for these ministries.

- **Case 4 – Youth Ministries.** This program has \$9,432 available for granting. The purpose this grant is to enrich our youth ministries. Examples of programs that this grant provides funding for are: activates that promote local congregational, deanery, or diocesan youth ministries; support for campus ministries; youth leadership training events and retreats, and youth attendance at Episcopal conferences, retreats, camps, and national events. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 11, 2024**.
- **Case 5 – Caring for Victims of Poverty and Abuse.** This program has \$9,387 available for granting. Examples of programs that this grant provides funding for are: food pantries, food banks, clothing, service to the homeless, shelters, soup kitchens, support of ministry to victims of substance abuse, victims of abuse, and prison ministries. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 11, 2024**.
- **Case 6 – Encouraging Spiritual Growth and Outreach.** This program has \$3,426 available for granting. Examples of programs that this grant provides funding for are: gatherings, retreats, workshops, conferences dedicated to enhancing spirituality; travel for the purpose of sharing Christian education, music, worship, resources; or the support of media programs (TV, radio, video, etc.) to reach out to people with the Good News of the Gospel. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 11, 2024**.
- **Case 2B – Traveling Work Team Support Grant.** This program will provide up to \$500 per year, per congregation for team of workers (2 or more people), from outside the congregation, to help build or repair churches, rectories, retreat centers, camps or diocesan centers. The annual cap for total distribution is \$3,000. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2024**, which is a different deadline than the above ministry grant programs. Grant awards will be made by June 15, 2024.

- **CASE 2A – Facility Emergency Repair or Replacement.** This program has \$83,185 available for grants/loans. Maximum per applicant church is \$10,000. Case 2A provides funds for the immediate response to emergencies such as, but not limited to: fire, floods, wind, extreme cold, failed heating or plumbing fixtures or systems, sudden structural failure” *These funds are to help pay for facility repair or replacement due to damage or destruction from an unexpected or suddenly occurring event.* Applications must be received within 60 days from the date of the incident or event.
 - **1) EMERGENCY GRANT**’s are available to churches or diocesan facilities (non-congregational) whose operating income is less than \$75,000.00
 - **2) EMERGENCY NO INTEREST LOANS** are available to churches or diocesan facilities (non-congregational) whose operating income is more than \$75,000.00.

Guidelines, instructions and applications are available on the diocesan website, <https://episcopalak.org/ministries/fit-grant/> or through the Bishop’s Office by calling 1-800-478-3043. **If possible, please submit online; as it is the Preferred method of receiving applications.**

We ask that you use the enclosed posters along with announcements in your bulletin and at church or parish committee meetings to spread the word in your community. Text from this letter may be used in your bulletin or newsletter.

God Bless,

The FIT Oversight Committee